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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:
Hebert et al.

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**For: Completion Apparatus and
Methods for Use in
Hydrocarbon Wells**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 12, 2003

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 12, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 12, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0091/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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